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The Honorable Robert O'Farrell
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court Monterey County
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Dear Judge O'Farrell:

Attached are the responses of our governing board, as required by Section 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code, to the Findings and Recommendations in the 2001 Monterey County Grand Jury Final Report dated January 2, 2002.

The responses were approved by our governing body on March 25, 2002.

Sincerely,

Ernie Lostrom
President

Attachments: Response to Findings
Response to Recommendations

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RESPONSE TO FINDINGS by Carmel Unified School District

[as required by Section 933.05(a) California Penal Code]

(Agency)

Finding #	Check One §933.05(a)		Specify the portion of the Finding that is disputed and include an explanation of the reasons therefor.
	(1)	(2)	
From Grand Jury Final Report	The respondent agrees with the Findings	The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with Finding; see next column	<i>CONTINUE ON ATTACHED SHEETS AS NECESSARY</i>
1.	x		
2.	x		

GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT TITLED School Board Training
RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS by Carmel Unified School District
[as required by Section 933.05(b) California Penal Code] (Agency)

Rec. #	Check One §933.05(b)				Time frame, explanation, summary (attached). etc.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
From Grand Jury Final Report	Has been implemented, include summary of action	Will be implemented, include time frame	Requires further analysis, include time frame	Will not be implemented, include explanation	
1.					CUSD's adopted budget for 2001-02 includes \$8,000 for travel and expenses of Board Members in order to attend conferences and workshops relevant to their role within the District. In addition, we provide within District training on various issues via consultants. For example, in 2000-01 \$2,500 was spent for such services and the District has spent \$5,000 to date in 2001-02.
2.					The District concurs that the list provided, a-f, is an essential and minimum knowledge base for effective governance of a school district. All CUSD Board members have received training in all areas listed and mutually encourage one another to periodically update their skills. In addition, each CUSD Board member has background and experience via private responsibilities that require expertise in one or more of the areas enumerated.
3.					MCOE hosts an annual School Board evening that provides training and information on a number of topical issues. The CUSD Board was represented at the 2001-02 session and, in all likelihood, will be so at this years event scheduled for April 30, 2002.
4.					Please refer to the explanations for item 1. and 2. By way of example, 3 members of CUSD's 5 member Board attended the annual CSBA Conference this past December in San Diego.